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SUBJECT: CSCE - HELSINKI, A YEAR LATER

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1. RECENT GOC MEDIA TREATMENT HAS ACCENTED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT AT HELSINKI. A SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF THE GOC POSITION WAS CARRIED IN RUDE PRAVO, JULY 30, IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE BY DUSAN SPACIL, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. A TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE IS BEING POUCHED TO EUR/EE.

2. SPACIL'S MAIN POINTS: THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE THE MAIN PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONFERENCE WHICH REFLECTS "LENINIST PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE."

3. THE GOC HAS CONDUCTED NUMEROUS HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS NOT ONLY ON BILATERAL ISSUES BUT ALSO ON HELSINKI-RELATED MATTERS. EX: STROUGAL VISITS TO FRANCE AND TURKEY; AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO PRAGUE; FM CHNOUPEK'S TALKS WITH DUTCH, PORTUGUESE, CYPRIOT, SPANISH, FINNISH, BRITISH, WEST GERMAN, AND AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS.

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4. POLITICAL RELATIONS: ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

AND DIFFICULT PROBLEMS LIKE FAMILY REUNIFICATION ARE FAR EASIER TO RESOLVE WITH "THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE COMPLETELY NORMALIZED RELATIONS." THIS WAS THE MAIN POINT SPACIL MADE ON BASKET ONE. HE ADDED THAT THE GOC, LIKE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES, FULLY COOPERATES ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS AT LARGE MILITARY EXERCISES AND IN ANNOUNCING TROOP MOVEMENTS.

5. ECONOMIC COOPERATION: GOC SUPPORTS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON THE ENVIRONMENT, POWER GENERATION, AND TRANSPORT. HE DECRIED, "THE PRACTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES WHICH, ALTHOUGH SIGNATORIES OF THE FINAL ACT, CONTINUOUSLY REFUSE MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SOME OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THIS IS AT VARIANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT."

6. BASKET THREE: GOC WILL "NOT ALLOW IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, OR PERMIT THE UNDERMINING OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM, OR THE PROPAGATION OF ANTI-SOCIALIST IDEAS." "IF THE THIRD BASKET IS FOR A GREATER EXCHANGE OF CULTURAL VALUES AND ACTIVITIES, CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS FOR JUST THIS. WE ARE FOR EXPANDED TOURISM, LANGUAGE TEACHING, COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF THE PRESS, FILM, THEATER, TELEVISION, LITERATURE, AND FOR THE HUMANE SOLVING OF THE PROBLEMS OF DIVIDED FAMILIES." POINT WAS CONCLUDED BY SAYING GOC SHOWS MORE WESTERN FILMS, IMPORTS MORE PUBLICATIONS, STAGES MORE WESTERN PLAYS THAN THE WEST DOES COMPARABLE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKS.

7. COMMENT: THE SPACIL ARTICLE DRAWS TOGETHER THE MAIN THEMES THAT HAVE BEEN APPEARING IN CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA ABOUT THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS. ITS TONE, DESPITE OBVIOUS POLEMICS, WAS MORE MODERATE THAN MOST PRESS PIECES ON THE SUBJECT. NONE OF THE THEMES WERE NEW ONES, AND IT IS PREDICTABLE THAT THE GOC WILL GO TO BELGRADE NEXT YEAR WITH ELABORATIONS ON THE ISSUES WHICH SPACIL HAS RAISED, AND WHICH, IN TURN, REFLECT PUBLISHED PARTY SENTIMENTS.

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